# AGENDA WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WALKER COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX III, 201 S MAIN STREET LAFAYETTE, GEORGIA 30728

The following constitutes the agenda for the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia to be held on May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

- Invocation & Pledges
- Chairman Whitfield will Call to Order the Regular Meeting
- Clerk establishes a Quorum is present
- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Scheduled Meeting Held on April 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Public Hearing

Jose & Damaris Martinez request a variance for less than five acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone for property located at 132 Learning to Lean Lane, LaFayette, GA 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-358-033.

#### Ceremonial

A Proclamation for Senior Citizens Day

#### Presentation

Annual Property Assessment Update - Terry Gilreath, Chief Appraiser

#### Public Comment

#### New Business

Resolution R-022-23 to Authorize the Submission of an Application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

Jose & Damaris Martinez request a variance for less than five acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone for property located at 132 Learning to Lean Lane, LaFayette, GA 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-358-033. (*Planning Commission recommended denial*)

Purchase Order 2023-00000854 for \$65,336.00 for Air Pak and Cylinder units for Walker County Fire Rescue

**April 2023 Department Statistics** 

- Commissioner Comments
- Executive Session (if necessary)
- Adjourn



# Walker County Governmental Authority 101 South Duke Street, P.O. Box 445 LaFayette, GA 30728 706-638-1437 Minutes of the Regular Meeting

April 13, 2023 7:00 PM

#### Call to Order:

Chairman Shannon Whitfield called to order the Regular Scheduled Board of Commissioners Meeting held at Annex III, 201 S. Main Street, LaFayette, Georgia at 7:00 PM on April 13, 2023.

#### II. Attendees:

The following were present: Chairman Whitfield, Commissioner Robert Blakemore, Commissioner Mark Askew, Commissioner Brian Hart, Commissioner Robert Stultz, Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb, Public Relations Director Joe Legge and Board Clerk Whitney Summey. Other quests signed in at the meeting as well. Please see the attached sign in sheet.

#### III. Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Whitfield made a motion to amend the agenda by moving the ceremonial section to item number five on the agenda and adding a presentation section for the public safety fee to be discussed by Fire Chief Blake Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried to approve amended agenda.

#### IV. Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Stultz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting held March 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Blakemore, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion was approved.

#### V. Informational:

I. Clay Pilgrim with Ruston, LLC presented the Board with the Fiscal 2022 Audit Report, two letters, and a summary presentation. He thanked the county employees for all of their help gathering information for the report. He said the audit has an unmodified opinion and there was a \$24,000 increase in the general fund from last year. He said the landfill had a deficit due to estimate changes. Commissioner Stultz asked about the insurance proceeds in revenues on page five. Mr. Pilgrim said those were from room claims for building damage. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried

#### VI. Presentation:

Chief Hodge said Walker County Fire Rescue has 18 stations and 85 personnel. He said the department ran roughly 6,000 calls in 2022 and gave a breakdown of the types of calls. He said they have annual duties and testing responsibilities as well as daily duties and training they have to complete. He said everything they do goes into the ISO rating for the county. He explained the ISO rating affects citizens insurance rates. He said the county is currently at a level 3 and 3Y. He said they need improvements in the department to keep this rating going forward. He gave statistics and an explanation of how each aspect of the department affects the ISO rating. He said in 2016 there was a flat \$130.00 fire fee. In 2017 the public safety fee was revised to provide a better balance to citizens. He said 48% of citizens saw a decrease. He said with the proposed fee the average 1500 square foot home will go from a \$150.00 fee to a \$210.00 fee. He said there has not been a change to the fee in six years. He said over the last six years the department has opened six stations, added personnel, and implemented multiple automatic aid agreements. He said they have taken turnout times from 4.32 minutes to 1.53 minutes and response times from 14.44 minutes to 9.15 minutes. Commissioner Hart asked what the ISO rating was in 2017. Chief Hodge said a 3 and it is reviewed and updated every four years. Commissioner Stultz asked if each firefighter had to have an EMS certification and how many had paramedic training. Chief Hodge said every firefighter has to complete EMS training within 30-months of their hire date. He said seven people in the department have paramedic certification. Commissioner Askew asked Chief Hodge to send him a copy of his presentation and statistics. He said the presentation was very eye opening and has given him a much better understanding of the department. The Board thanked Chief Hodge for his presentation.

#### VII. Public Comment:

I. Nelson Huffman said he lives in district one and has been trying to get the property next to his house cleaned up for many years. He said the two mobile homes have been vacant for over ten years. He said there is no power or water to the homes. He said people are in and out all hours of

the night and they cause a disturbance to the neighbors in the area. Chairman Whitfield said after the meeting he can look up the address and see what can be done going forward.

- II. Ryan Lytz said he is wanting to invest in the county and wanted to get some information on liquor licenses, tiny homes, and multi family homes. Chairman Whitfield said there was an approval on tiny homes last year. He said the Planning and Zoning Department would be able to provide him with more exact information on each of those items.
- III. Gary Williams asked about the audit presentation saying over one million dollars was transferred from the fire and rescue department to the general fund. Chairman Whitfield said he knows this year funds have been transferred to cover expenses. He said he is not sure on this exact transfer but he will find out the exact reasoning.

#### VIII. New Business:

- I. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-018-23 to approve a road paving list for 2023. He said the list will be put out for bids and then brought back to the Board for approval on a contractor. Commissioner Askew asked if all of the roads were not paved this year would they roll over to next year. Chairman Whitfield said yes, there are currently two roads from last year being completed this year. He said there was a typo on the list that should say from South Dick Creek Road to Concord Road for item number one's start and stop locations. Commissioner Hart asked when bidding would start and when it would be brought back before the Board for a decision. Chairman Whitfiled said the list will be published for bidding by May 1 and is a 30-day process, so it would be back in front of the Board at the first meeting in June. Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Askew, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- II. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-019-23 to revise the public safety fee assessed in the county fire and rescue district. Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb said the resolution should state it will be adopted on the 13th day of April, 2023 not the 14th. Commissioner Stultz said the number of calls is very impressive and while increasing fees is never popular, he does not want to see the level of service from the fire department regress. Commissioner Askew agreed that the increase is needed and only 45% of citizens will be back at the same rate as 2016. Commissioner Blakemore said there is no price tag on a life and he appreciated Chief Hodge's presentation and information. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- III. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-020-23 to amend the electronic county property and communications systems policy. He said the team has worked very hard to get a policy that will work now and in the future. Commissioner Askew said the initial adoption was a great starting point so the team would work on improvements. Chairman Whitfield said the team is here and can address any questions. Legal and Policy Director David Gottlieb said this is a draft showing all of the changes that have been made and if it is adopted a clean copy will be published in the minutes. Chairman Whitfield said the team is in agreement with each section of the policy. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. Chairman Whitfield read Resolution R-021-23 to appoint a member to the Northwest Georgia Regional 1 Emergency Medical Services Council. He said Curtis Creekmur has done a great job in this position already and has over 30 years of experience. Chairman Whitfield made a motion to appoint Curtis Creekmur, seconded by Commissioner Hart, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- V. Chairman Whitfield said the two vehicles for purchase order 2023-00001464 have been on order since mid September 2022. He said the approval of the purchase order will get the county on the list to purchase when the vehicles are in stock. He said this purchase will allow the Coroner to have a newer four wheel drive vehicle per his request. He said the vehicles do not have an exact delivery date yet. Commissioner Blakemore made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.
- VI. Chairman Whitfield read the department statistics for March 2023.

#### IX. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Blakemore thanked everyone for coming out and told them to feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. He also thanked all county employees and departments for their hard work.

Commissioner Askew thanked all county employees for their hard work. He said the presentation tonight from Chief Hodge gave a great overview of their daily operations and commitment to the county and citizens.

Commissioner Hart thanked the public works department for all of the pothole patching they have done in the Villanow area. He thanked Chief Hodge for his presentation.

Commissioner Stultz thanked all of the county employees and each department for their hard work. He gave information about a Senior Citizens Event, rabies clinics, and Vintage Market Days coming up.

Chairman Whitfield said Tire Amnesty Day will be April 22 at the landfill. He encouraged everyone to come out and bring up to twelve passenger or small truck tires to be recycled for free.

#### X. Executive Session:

Commissioner Askew made a motion to go into executive session for personnel and real estate, seconded by Commissioner Stultz, 4 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried. Executive session began at 9:01 PM. Chairman Whitfield called the regular meeting back to order at 9:36 PM with no further action from the executive session.

#### IV. Adjournment:

Commissioner Askew made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Stultz seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Shannon K. Whitfield Chairman/CEO Walker County Georgia	-	Date

Minutes prepared by: Walker County Board Clerk, Whitney Summey

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## Proclamation

# BY THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SENIOR CITIZENS DAY 2023

WHEREAS:

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates 13,163 Walker County residents are

age 65 or older; and

WHEREAS:

Walker County recognizes the impact of contributions made by older adults

to our community; and

WHEREAS:

May is "Older Americans Month" in the state of Georgia and residents are

encouraged celebrate the strength of older adults and the power of connection and engagement in building a stronger community for a

stronger Georgia; and

WHEREAS:

Older adults are encouraged to find a new passion, go on an adventure,

and push boundaries by not letting age define their limits, as a means to

stay connected with their community; and

WHEREAS:

Walker County supports organizations like North Georgia Community

Action, which operates Senior Life Centers in Chickamauga and LaFayette, to assist older adults with daily nutritional needs, health

education and general wellness; and

WHEREAS:

Walker County desires to recognize and honor the older adults in our

community;

THEREFORE:

I, Shannon K. Whitfield, Chairman of the Walker County Board of

Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 17<sup>th</sup> as SENIOR CITIZENS DAY in Walker County and encourage our older adults to attend a special event at the Walker County Civic Center at 10:00 a.m. on May 17<sup>th</sup> in their

honor.

Signed and sealed this 11th day of May in the year 2023.

Chairman Shannon K. Whitfield



#### **RESOLUTION R-022-23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WALKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION GRANT

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Walker County ("Board") is the governing authority of Walker County, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Walker County owns and operates a recreation park on the grounds of the Walker County Civic Center campus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires for Walker County to submit a pre-application for funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund ("LWCF") to assist with making improvements to this community asset; and

**WHEREAS**, in the event Walker County's pre-application is recommended for funding by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the Board certifies and assures that it has the ability and intention to finance 50-percent of the total project cost and will move forward with due diligence to prepare or have prepared, appropriate documentation required for a formal LWCF application;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners of Walker County, Georgia does hereby authorize the filing of a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board agrees to provide the 50% (percent) match required for the grant.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2023.

ATTEST:	WALKER COUNTY, GEORGIA
Whitney Summey, Deputy Clerk	SHANNON K. WHITFIELD, Chairman
(SEAL)	The foregoing Resolution received a motion for from Commissioner, second by Commissioner, and upon the question the vote is ayes, nays to adopt the Resolution.

### WALKER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Application for Zoning Variance

	Date 2-27-23
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE FEE	\$ 75.00 Case No.
Owner's	Mailing
Name Jose & Danaris Martine	7 Address 132 Learning to lean lane
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Planning Commission Decision/Date	
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This application must be fully complete prior to filing.



## Walker County Planning Commission Meeting

April 20, 2023 6:00 P.M. Walker County Civic Center

**AGENDA** 

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 16, 2023 MINUTES
- IV. MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING:

#### A. VARIANCE:

- 1. Jose & Damaris Martinez: Requests a variance for less than five acres in an A-1 (Agricultural) zone for property located at 132 Learning to Lean Lane LaFayette, GA. 30728. Tax map & parcel number 0-358-033.
- V. MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:
- VI. MOTION TO GO INTO NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Jose & Damaris Martinez
- VII. ADJOURNMENT:



Walker County Planning Commission Minutes

> April 20, 2023 Walker County Civic Center 6:00 PM

#### ATTENDEES:

Planning Commission Members
Cindy Askew
Jon Hentz
Michael Hicks
Zack Chapman
Stan Porter
John Morehouse
Michael Haney

Walker County Planning Staff
Jon Pursley, Planning Director
Kristy Parker, Planning Commission Secretary

#### I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Haney called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

#### II. ROLL CALL

#### III. READING & APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 16, 2022 MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to approve or deny the minutes. Stan Porter made a motion to approve. John Morehouse seconded the motion to approve. The vote was six in favor of approving the minutes and Zack Chapman abstained due to missing that meeting. Motion to approve minutes passed.

#### IV. MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Haney asked for a motion to open the public hearing. Michael Hicks made a motion to open the public hearing. John Morehouse seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Motion to open the public hearing carried.

#### V. PUBLIC HEARING:

#### Variance:

1. Jose & Damaris Martinez: Chairman Haney asked if there was anyone present for the Martinezes. Jose Martinez came forward and stated that he would like to put another home on his property for his mother who lives in Florida. He said that he already has his mother-in-law living with them and would just like to be able to have his mother closer so he could help take care of her. He stated that he has talked to some of his neighbors and they said they did not have a problem with it and provided a sheet with some signatures on it. Jon Pursely looking at an ariel map asked Mr. Martinez if in 2011 were there two mobile homes on the property and Mr. Martinez said yes and those were owned by the previous owner but there are two septic tanks there and if approved he was hoping to use one of those. Jon then asked how long the mobile homes have been gone and Mr. Martinez said he has been there for two years and they were gone then so he did not know when they were moved. Zack Chapman asked which property was for sale by him and he said he was not sure. Chairman Haney asked if his mother was in bad health and he said yes that her cancer was in remission and she has a heart problem. He stated that she has to be out of the place she is in now by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He said that he had put down a payment on a mobile home but did not realize he needed a variance so he let that home go because he could not move it at the time and go against the process. Chairman Haney asked if he had any documentaion stating that this could be a medical hardship. Mr. Martinez stated not at the time but he could get them. Chairman Haney then told the board that with these documents that it would fall under a medical hardship type variance. John Morehouse asked Mr. Martinez if he had purchased the home and he said no that he had put down money on one but let it go because he didn't realize he needed a variance at the time. John Morehouse then asked if he could not build onto his existing home and Mr. Martinez stated that they already have is mother-in-law who has dementia living with them plus he has his own issues such as PTSD and that would be a lot in one house. Chairman Haney then explained that he did have a couple of options such as building on to the existing house or having a medical hardship. Stan Porter asked how soon he wanted to get his mother here and he said she has to move by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cindy Askew asked if anyone lived in the mobile home beside him and he said he was not sure. Cindy Askew stated that it was just a couple of months ago that the board denied the same request just up the road and that it was not a hardship but still that was denied. Stan Porter asked if he went with the hardship that would still have to be recommended to the Board of Commissioners and Chairman Haney said yes.

#### VI. MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to close the public hearing. Stan Porter made a motion to close the public hearing. Michael Hicks seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to close the public hearing carried.

#### VII: MOTION TO OPEN NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to go into new business. John Morehouse made a motion to open the new business. Cindy Askew seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion to open new business carried.

#### VIII: <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

#### Variance:

1. Jose & Damaris Martinez: Chairman Haney asked if there was a motion to approve or deny the variance request. Stan Porter made a motion to approve contingent upon Mr. Martinez providing documentain for a medial hardship. Michael Hicks seconded he motion. Michael Hicks, Michael Haney and Stan Porter voted in favor to approve with medial hardship. Zack Chapman, John Morehouse, Jon Hentz and Cindy Askew voted to deny the request. Chairman Haney then said that the motion to approve failed with a three to four vote. With a lack of votes to approve was there a motion to deny. Jon Hentz made a motion to deny the request and John Morehouse seconded the motion to deny. Members in favor to deny was Zack Chapman, Jon Hentz, John Morehouse and Cindy Askew. Members that voted against the denial was Michael Hicks, Michael Haney and Stan Porter. Vote was four to three in favor to deny the request. Motion to deny carried.

#### IX: ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Haney adjoined the meeting.

Date Submitted:	Planning Commission Chairman
Date Submitted:	Planning Commission Secretary
Date Submitted:	Planning Commission Director

To whom it may concern,

I am a retired veteran my family and I bought this beautiful house and land here in walker county ga. My mother is getting older and needs help I thought if she was close she would have someone around when needed. She will no longer be able to stay at her current residence. I did research on walker county.gov planning, zoning & inspections also permitting & inspections. I have a parcel of land with electrical, water and septic and understood most of the permitting fees so I signed a purchase agreement on 2/25/23 for the mobile home. Please allow us to put the mobile home here so we can spend as much time as possible with her.

Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

Ja Vering Jose Mastiner

2-27-23

To whom it may concern,

We are writing this letter to say that we are OK with Jose Martinez, adding a home to his property. He's a decent neighbor and maintains his land.

Sincerely,

Mary Jodas

Bruce & Tracy Cedford 90 Famlee Circle

La Faylette, GA 30728

WALKER COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
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CHICKAMAUGA, GA 30707

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REPRINT PURCHASE ORDER NO. 2023-00000854

**DATE** 05/04/2023

#### **VENDOR** 60648 MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

CONTACT

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MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES P O BOX 856892 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55485-6892 DELIVER BY SHIP VIA FREIGHT TERMS ORIGINATOR RESOLUTION # PAYMENT TERMS

Christina O'Toole

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6701-C Northpark Blvd Charlotte, NC 28216

#### Bill To

Walker County Emergency Services 107 Alex Drive Chickamauga GA 30707

#### Quote

Quote #

QT1663335

Date

01/31/2023

**Expires** 

02/15/2023

Sales Rep

Adams, Jeremy L

Shipping Method

FedEx Ground

Customer

Walker County Emergency Services (GA)

Customer#

C202361

#### Ship To

Walker County Emergency Services 107 Alex Drive Chickamauga GA 30707

SEPTIME TO SEPTIME	914021005304	Alt. Item#	Units	Description Air-Pak X3 Pro SCBA (2018 Edition) with Snap-	PITY	Unit Price \$6,123.00	
				Change, Parachute Buckles, 4.5, Standard, No Accessory Pouch, E-Z Flo+ Regulator with Continuous	0	\$0,123.00	\$48,984.00
				Hose, None, None, No, Pak-Tracker, No Case, 2 SCBA Per Box			
20	0128-01			Snap-Change Cylinder, Carbon-Wrapped, Pressure 4500, 30 Minutes (at 40 lpm)	16	\$1,022.00	\$16,352.00

Subtotal \$65

Total

\$65,336.00

**Shipping Cost** 

\$0.00

Tax Total

\$0.00 \$65,336.00

This Quotation is subject to any applicable sales tax and shipping & handling charges that may apply. Tax and shipping charges are considered estimated and will be recalculated at the time of shipment to ensure they take into account the most current information.

All returns must be processed within 30 days of receipt and require a return authorization number and are subject to a restocking fee.

Custom orders are not returnable. Effective tax rate will be applicable at the time of invoice.

#### Walker County Departmental Statistics - March 2023

Department	Monthly Totals					YTD	Totals	YTD Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly	Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals		Yearly Totals	
Animal Shelter	Feb	ruary	March		2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		2018			
	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats		Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats	
Intake	112	21	121	15		362	42	1,138	452	1,322	648	1,093	516	1,094	295	1,176	25	
Outake (Adopted, Rescued, Returned)	86	21	189	17		388	52	1,172	433	1,281	624	1,091	474	1,099	279	1,012	47	
Adopted	25	19	16	7		55	35	191	150	31	91	33	65	208	152	138	34	
Rescued	44	11	154	9		281	14	720	245	999	494	919	397	766	119	749	13	
Returned to Owner	17	1	19	1		49	3	249	17	238	18	119	6	112	3	125	0	
Euthanized	0	0	0	0		3	0	35	27	17	23	20	6	31	7	56	2	
Codes Enforcement & Litter	Feb	ruary	M	arch		20	123	20	)22	20	21	20	20	20	19	20	018	
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Violations		21		39		8	37	3:	20	4	02	3.	43	4	35	8	57	
Closed Cases		3		2		1 One	8	7	73	1.	54	1	61	5	58	3	39	
Roadside Trash Pounds	11	,630		0		22,	360	74,	,000	143	,723	143	,800	143	,330	122	2,912	
Elections	Feb	ruary	M	arch		20	)23	20	)22	20	21	2.0	20	20	)19	20	018	
Registered Voters		55		19			497		,200		025		719		281	-	,202	
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Fire Department	Feb	ruary	M	arch		2023		2022 202		21	2020		2019		2018			
Calls for Service	4	45	6	504		1,579		<b>6,148</b> 4,173		173	3,478		6,091		5,670			
Units Handling Calls for Service	6	41	8	378		2,279		9,	433	7,024		5,705		8,815		6,359		
Smoke Alarms Installed		0		5		10		1	90	368		322		781		228		
Mountain Cove Farms	Feb	ruary	M	arch		20	)23	20	)22	20	)21	20	)20	20	)19	20	018	
Total Nights Booked		33		79		147		1,016 89		92 840		1,102		908				
Planning	Feb	ruary	M	arch		20	23	20	)22	20	21	20	20	20	19	20	018	
Single Family New Home Construction	2	45	_	39		91		<b>142</b> 157		57	150		128		124			
Building Inspections	2	.05	3	56		731		<b>2,291</b> 1,755		755	1,595		1,424		1,326			
Public Relations	Feb	ruary	M	arch		20	)23	20	)22	20	)21	20	)20	20	019	20	018	
Media Impressions (stories)		31		20			55		27		60	4	60	4	51		09	
Facebook Followers Added		59	1	26		3	22	2,	722	1,2	227	2,7	768	1,	880	2,	182	
Facebook Posts (main page)		29		35		9	)3		42		19		88		02		87	
WalkerCountyGA.gov views		,153		,904			,587	4	,354		,384		,051		,989		5,285	
Newsletter Subscribers Added		30		4			63		45		376		1,104 971		-		25	
Public Works		ruary		arch			23		)22		)21	2020			19	2018		
Patching/Potholes	1	44	1	06		2	91	3,	124	4,	157	5,	785	6,	148	4,	798	
Walker Transit	Fak	ruary	M	arch		20	)23	20	)22	20	)21	20	)20	20	)19	20	018	
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### **Best Friends: Data Matrix**

#### Criteria:

Enter from date: 04/01/2023 Enter to date: 04/30/2023

	Species								
		Canin	ie	Feline					
	Adult	Up to 5 months	Unknown Age	Adult	Up to 5 months	Unknown Age			
Beginning Animal Count 2023-04-01	59	1	0	5	1	0			
Intakes: Stray/At Large	34	17	0	2	0	0			
Intakes: Transferred in from Municipal Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Intakes: Transferred in from Other Rescue Group	0 _	0	0	0	0	0			
Intakes: Owner Requested Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Intakes: Relinquished by Owner	14	4	О	89	22	О			
Intakes: Returns	7	0	0	0	0	0 ,			
Intakes: Other Intakes	6	1	0	12	5	0			
Live Outcomes: Adoption	17	0	0	2	0	0			
Live Outcomes: Returned to Owner	14	0	0	3	0	0			
Live Outcomes: Returned To Field	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Live Outcomes: Transferred to Municipal Shelter	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Live Outcomes: Transferred to Other Rescue Group	4	3	0	96	17	0			
Live Outcomes: Other	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Other Outcomes: Died in Care	2	1	0	0	0	0			
Other Outcomes: Lost in Care	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Other Outcomes: Euthanasia	3	0	0	0	0	0			
Other Outcomes: Owner Requested Euthanasia	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Ending Animal Counts 2023- 04-30	80	19	0	8	10	0			
Spays/Neuters: Pre- Adoption	31	0	0	18	0	0			
Spays/Neuters: Free for Low-Income Families	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Spays/Neuters: Low-Cost for Low-Income Families		0	0	0	0	0			
Spays/Neuters: Low-Cost for General Public	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Spays/Neuters: TNR	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Spays/Neuters: Other	0	0	0	0	0	0			

Report: **Best Friends: Data Matrix** 

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